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Longhorns shine in second day of Texas Relays

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GLBTQ Business Students Association looks closely at diversity in the professional world

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WEEKEND

FRIDAY

‘Once Again’
Dog Gone Dead with Milezo and the Noize are performing at Cactus Cafe at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.

SATURDAY

Muppets
Alamo Ritz is hosting “Sesame Street at 40,” a retrospective featuring clips from 40 years of Sesame Street.

SUNDAY

Texas Baseball
Longhorns play Baylor at the UFCU Disch-Falk Field at 1 p.m. Tickets range from \$5-\$12.

‘Oaxaca’
Space rock band Maserati is performing at Mohawk with supporting acts My Education and My Empty Phantom. Tickets are \$8-\$10 and doors open at 9 p.m.

Today in history

In 1913
The 17th Amendment to the Constitution becomes law, requiring direct election of senators.

Campus watch

The Drunk Monster
Erwin Special Events Center
A UT staff member reported two non-UT subjects were arguing with each other inside Section 48. During the investigation, the officers detected a very strong odor of alcohol on both subjects’ breath and noted other signs of intoxication. The officers learned one subject was upset because the other subject had gotten “sloppy” drunk while at the concert. While in the process of ejecting both subjects from the building, one subject began berating the other. The Poker-Face officers took both subjects into custody for Public Intoxication, not Bad Romance, and transported them to Central Booking in separate vehicles.

Quote to note

“You don’t realize the people who you influence and how you do it, and I just thank God that it’s me, and I’m so honored.”

— **Nancy Lieberman**
Texas Legends basketball coach

SPORTS PAGE 6



UT Fire Inspector Ricardo Trevino helps channel water out of the fourth floor hallway of the Jesse H. Jones Communication Center Building A after an employee ruptured a fire safety sprinkler. The spilled water leaked into the main lobby, forcing temporary evacuations.

Caution Wet Floor

By Tamir Kalifa

Hundreds of students, staff and faculty evacuated the Jesse H. Jones Communication Center Building A after a moving company employee accidentally struck a fire safety sprinkler Thursday.

The employee hit the sprinkler while carrying a tall cabinet through a fourth floor hallway. The rupture triggered a surge of water that flooded the hallway and spilled into the third floor lobby.

Jeff Toreki, College of Communication finance manager, shut off the water valve within six minutes. Austin firefighters helped channel water into the stairwell to prevent additional damage.

The leak affected several linear feet of wall board and several square feet of carpet, said Jason Shoumaker, building services supervisor for the college. The college has not yet determined the cost of the damages.

The building reopened within an hour, and classes resumed shortly afterward.

ON THE WEB

Check out video of Thursday’s flooding in the CMA

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Rising gas prices could be a contributing factor to the recent increase in UT shuttle ridership within the last six months.

Rise in gas prices likely cause of more students riding buses

By Allie Kolechta
Daily Texan Staff

An increase in gas prices could be behind the steady rise of UT students that have used Capital Metro campus shuttles and mainline buses during the past six months, Cap Metro official said.

UT’s Parking and Transportation Services does not yet have passenger counts for campus shuttle use in February and March, but student ridership is expected to be higher than normal, said Blanca Juarez, alternative transportation manager at PTS. She said it is most likely because of rises in gas prices, among other factors.

According to AAA Texas’ daily fuel gage report, regular gas prices in the Austin-San Marcos area hit an average of \$3.60 Thursday, compared to \$3.47 one week ago. This week last year, gas prices were \$.90 lower, according to the report.

“Students would react this way because by riding the bus fare-free, they’re able to save money, free up time from driving for other things and avoid the hassles of driving during rush hour,” Juarez said. “As gas prices continue to rise, we will see even more students board the buses to save some money.”

According to Capital Metro statistics, students boarded shuttles 2,323,949 times and mainline buses 1,019,958 times between October 2009 and February 2010.

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UT track coach touts mentor program

By Ahsika Sanders
Daily Texan Staff

Beverly Kearney doesn’t like to talk about her induction into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame, her record seven national championships as women’s track and field coach or the fact that she has coached 12 Olympic runners, seven of whom are medalists.

Kearney would rather have a conversation about giving back and pouring into programs such as the annual Minority Mentorship Symposium she founded in 2007.

Now in its fifth year, the two-day symposium — which more than 1,000 students from UT and surrounding schools attended on Thursday — honored individuals such as John Harris, CEO of Nestle Waters; recording artist and producer Lana “MC Lyte” Moorer; and Cookie Johnson, CEO of Cookie Johnson Jeans and wife of Earvin “Magic” Johnson, among many others.

LeToya Luckett, a speaker at the symposium, told students about balancing a career as an actress, a singer and a boutique owner, while Twyla Garrett, CEO of six companies, shared her rags-to-riches story of growing up in poverty and rising to the top.

Kearney said the idea for a mentor program like the symposium came about early in her coaching career. She said she met many minority students who had never interacted with community members who held the professions they were striving for.

“They had never met anyone that looked like them doing what they wanted to do,” she said. “They had never met an African-American female CEO or a prominent Hispanic doctor.”

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Bev Kearney, founder of the Pursuit of Dreams Foundation, spoke to students Thursday about realizing their potential and achieving their dreams. Kearney is the legendary coach of UT women’s track and field.

OFF THE WALL



Shereen Ayub | Daily Texan Staff

Mechanical engineering senior Jan-Michael Cabrera practices parkour in front of the Main Mall on Thursday night. Cabrera started parkour two years ago with Texas Parkour and practices regularly on campus.

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She said the lack of interaction hindered minority students from keeping focus when they hit hardships because they felt like they were treading “uncharted waters.”

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said he aspired to be to be an attorney when he was a child, but he had no model.

“When I was coming up, my role model was Perry Mason,” West said, speaking of the fictional television attorney. “I just didn’t have any other role model to look up to for that.”

UT students who attended the symposium will spend Friday volunteering at a youth rally for more than 1,300 middle and high school students — a process Kearney referred to as a “generational flow of success.”

“I don’t ever want them to forget that being here and being who they are is a blessing, and sometimes, you got to give back off of that blessing so you generate greater blessings for the future,” she said.

President William Powers Jr., said he is proud of Kearney’s accomplishments on and off the field and is inspired by her philanthropy.

“Nothing makes me more proud than the energy that you put into this event so that distinguished individuals can pass on their wisdom to the next generation,” Powers said.

Kearney’s philanthropic institution, Pursuit of Dreams Foundation, hosts symposiums for men and women of all ages, both locally and nationally. The Foundation works with companies to benefit cancer foundations and research centers, women’s and children’s shelters, and a dozen other nonprofit organizations.

“It’s always been my goal to give more than I receive, and I’ve failed at that because I’m blessed to have received so much,” Kearney said through tears. “But if you know me, you know I’m not a quitter, and I’m going to keep on giving.”

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layoffs, the administration has implemented a hiring freeze, leaving new teachers in a tough spot, she said.

“It’s a huge topic around the [education] school now,” Metzger said. “Everyone’s talking about it, and they’re talking about how they’re not hiring. It can be demotivating.”

Education Council president Emily Cheek, a kinesiology senior, said many education majors are broadening their outlooks and searching for other jobs they had not considered before.

“I’ve actually seen a lot of interest shift from directly going into teaching to considering grad school because of the fear of job cuts and job losses,” Cheek said. “A lot of my friends are going into Teach for America; a lot are being flexible upon graduation.”

Education Council members have worked with Invest in Texas, a student lobbying organization, to advocate for university and public-education funding, Cheek said.

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From October 2010 to February 2011, students boarded shuttles 2,410,219 times and mainline buses 1,088,744 times.

UT student ridership has increased by 3.71 percent on shuttles around campus and 6.74 percent on mainline buses in the past six months, according to the statistics. Capital Metro spokeswoman Misty Whited also attributed the increase in ridership to more expensive gas

“Obviously, a lot of people are very concerned, not only about how it will affect their jobs in the future but also future generations,” Cheek said.

Courtney Maple, the outgoing Student Government education representative, said the college should now host a town hall meeting or student forum.

“Going forward, we should start a conversation between students, faculty, staff and the community to acknowledge concerns students may have, discuss how these budget cuts affect us and what we can do here at the university level,” Maple said.

In her personal job search, Maple said it’s been difficult to find job openings, but she has taken advantage of the college’s resources, including attending a career fair held Tuesday.

Director of Education Career Services Sharon Evans said this year’s career fair on Tuesday drew 45 fewer recruiting entities, but those in attendance said UT grads have an advantage over students

from other programs.

“They are the shiny pennies in the stack, in terms of other people looking for jobs out there,” Evans said. “Recruiters look for our students compared to others because they have over 800 hours in the field. They look like more experienced teachers.”

Although the House passed the budget bill Sunday, the Senate still needs to pass its own version of the bill, so the total cuts to public education could change.

Metzger said lawmakers can still change the outlook of education in Texas by using the Rainy Day Fund, a total of \$9.4 billion lawmakers can use during financial emergency. If the current cuts remain, the student-to-teacher ratio in Texas elementary schools would go up to 26-1, and teachers would have fewer school supplies for daily activities.

“It’s hard because there can be things done about [the cuts] with the umbrella funds,” Metzger said. “The hardest part is seeing the effect on the kids.”

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CORRECTION

Because of an editing error, the authors of two page 10 stories in Wednesday’s Daily Texan were changed. Texan staff Aaron West wrote “Jingle all the way” and Ao Meng wrote “Map” offers eclectic sampler of comics.”

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Rod is hawt
Beware the Republican slipper

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Courtesy of The Associated Press
A boy who was wounded in a school shooting is put in an ambulance to be transferred from one hospital to another in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Thursday. A gunman opened fire at an elementary school and killed at least 12 adolescents before killing himself.

Gunman kills 12, harms more in Brazil school shooting

By Juliana Barbassa
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — A gunman roamed the halls of an elementary school in Rio de Janeiro on Thursday and killed 12 children, lining them up against a wall and shooting them in the head at point-blank range as he shouted, “I’m going to kill you all!”

It was the worst school shooting in Brazil’s history — and would have been deadlier if the gunman had not been shot in the legs by a

police officer, who said the man then fell down some stairs and shot himself in the head.

Images taken with a cell phone and posted on YouTube showed students fleeing wildly, screaming for help, many with their white and blue school shirts soaked in blood.

At least 18 people, mostly students, were injured, many by gunfire, and taken to local hospitals, said Rio state Health Secretary Sergio Cortes. At least four were in grave condition.

The dead included 10 girls and two

boy, plus the gunman, Cortes said. Those killed were between the ages of 12 and 15.

Terrified parents rushed to the school in the Realengo neighborhood.

Zilda Nunes, 67, lives across the street from the school and said three of her grandchildren were inside when the shooting began. As students fled, she offered them sugar water to help calm them down, she said.

“There were so many children shot, so much blood,” Nunes said.

“People were asking for help, but what could I do?”

The gunman was identified as 23-year-old Wellington Oliveira. No motive was known, but authorities said the shooter left a mostly incoherent letter at the scene indicating he wanted to kill himself.

The letter also explains in detail how Oliveira wanted his corpse to be cared for and states that the gunman should not be touched by anyone who is “impure” unless they wear gloves.

Government faces midnight shutdown if budget talks stall

By David Espo
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama and congressional leaders bargained Thursday, still short of an agreement to cut federal spending and head off a midnight Friday government shutdown that no one claims to want.

Obama met with House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., at midday, and the three agreed to reconvene after dinner.

With an agreement elusive, Republicans passed legislation in the House to fund the Pentagon for six months, cut \$12 billion in domestic spending and keep the federal bureaucracy humming for a week.

Obama threatened to veto the bill even before it passed on a 247-181, mostly party-line vote. The admin-

istration issued a statement calling it “a distraction from the real work” of agreeing on legislation to cover the six months left in the fiscal year.

In a shift in position, Obama said he would sign a short-term measure to give negotiations more time.

A senior budget official said the impact of a shutdown “will be immediately felt on the economy.”

It also would be felt unevenly, said Jeff Zients, deputy director of the Office of Management and Budget. Military troops would not receive their full paychecks, but Social Security recipients would still get monthly benefits, he said.

“National parks, national forests and the Smithsonian Institution would all be closed. The NIH Clinical Center will not take new patients, and no new clinical trials will start,” he added in a roll call of expected agency closings.



Thursday, House Speaker John Boehner, left, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid address the possible government shutdown.



Kamran Jebreili | Associated Press
Afghani men shout anti-American slogans during a peaceful protest of about 300 people in Kabul, Afghanistan on Thursday. Protesters say a Florida pastor who burned a Quran should be prosecuted.

Afghanistan sees violent unrest as locals protest Quran burning

By Solomon Moore
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Suicide attackers stormed a police compound with AK-47s, grenades and an explosives-rigged ambulance in southern Afghanistan on Thursday in an escalation of fighting that coincides with demonstrations — some of them deadly — over the burning of a Quran in Florida.

Six Afghan security troopers died in the attack. Riots in the same province incited by the Quran burning killed 10 people Saturday, part of a wave of protests that has forced international aid organizations and embassies to virtually lock down their facilities for more than a week.

Last month’s book burning at the Gainesville, Fla., church led by the Rev. Terry Jones further inflamed anti-Western sentiment in Afghanistan.

Outrage at the desecration also spurred a deadly assault on a U.N. headquarters in the northern province of Mazar-i-Sharif last week that killed seven staff workers.

On Thursday, about 300 teachers, students and clerics gathered out-

side a Kabul mosque with banners demanding that Jones be prosecuted and that foreign troops withdraw from Afghanistan.

Afghan police closely monitored

“We didn’t send tanks or helicopters or weapons to America, we have sent the holy book...”

— Abdul Salam Abad, Muslim cleric

protesters, who were peaceful in their behavior but strident in their rhetoric. “America is a terrorist,” read one banner.

“We didn’t send tanks or helicopters or weapons to America; we have sent the holy book, a bridge of

knowledge,” Muslim cleric Abdul Salam Abad told the crowd. “America claims they are giving us human rights and freedom of speech and religion, but their burning of the Quran shows their hatred of Muslims.”

Many Afghan Muslims will attend weekly prayer services at mosques on Friday, and there are concerns that civil unrest will follow angry sermons about the Quran burning, as it did last weekend.

The demonstrations are occurring as Taliban fighters return to the battlefield in greater numbers to take advantage of more temperate weather. In the attack on the police compound, three heavily armed suicide bombers set off a furious gunbattle that raged for at least 45 minutes.

The fighting was punctuated by large explosions as two insurgents detonated bomb vests. A third insurgent pretended to be an ambulance driver and set off the explosives-laden rescue vehicle after injured officers were placed inside.

The Red Cross said using an ambulance as a weapon is a violation of human rights and the neutrality of health care services.



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QUOTES TO NOTE

“Just because you ask questions about how to improve does not mean you are not a loyal supporter.”

— Justin Keener, spokesperson for Texas Business for Higher Education, on the founding of the group, according to the Austin American-Statesman. The organization consists of Texas business executives who want to improve the quality of and reduce costs for Texas colleges and universities.

“What if our football team was ranked 45th? There would be some serious discussion about how to improve.”

— Keener, commenting on the group's desire to improve educational quality at the University.

“Tell them it's raining now and the Rainy Day Fund needs to be used. Tell them there's federal money. Go use it.”

— Derrick Osobase, a member of the Committee on Political Education, a workers' advocacy group, at a protest at the Capitol on Wednesday, according to The Daily Texan.

“Raising tuition is something they've done that I haven't been a particular critic of. You don't like it when tuition rises — I don't like it — but I think in some cases it's been necessary.”

— Texas House Speaker Joe Straus, R- San Antonio, at an on-campus event Tuesday, according to The Daily Texan. Straus said the cuts made in House Bill 1, the budget bill passed on Sunday, were necessary.

GALLERY



Research is not the problem

By Michael Benedik, Alan Friedman, Dean Neikirk and Robert Strawser
Daily Texan Guest Columnists

In his March 30 opinion piece in the Houston Chronicle, “Texas students should not take back seat to research,” Ronald Trowbridge, a Senior Fellow at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, muddies the discussion of higher education by using carefully selected but misleading facts. His basic premise, and by extension that of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, is that research is of little value, causes many problems in higher education and should be funded by the private rather than the public sector. We believe these views to be wrong.

Trowbridge, who presents an oft-cited statistic that only 57 percent of students entering college obtain a degree, implies that faculty research is a major cause of this low rate. But the facts show that the graduation rates of students at the top research institutions across the country are among the highest. For example, at the Texas flagship institutions, The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University, the graduation rates are 80 percent. Universities with a strong research focus are not the problem here.

It is not a documented fact, as Trowbridge alleges, that “young, inexperienced teaching assistants” teach most introductory courses. Senior professors do teach many of them; others are taught by lecturers, senior lecturers and professors who specialize in teaching and do an outstanding job. Rarely are these courses taught by teaching assistants was alleged. Trowbridge fails to mention that the specialized courses taken by upper division and graduate students at research universities are taught by the very best scholars in their field, and research-active faculty provide these students opportunities for research or other advanced experiences of their own. This is one of many factors that make our students so highly sought after by employers.

Research with an obvious short-term payoff should be, and generally is, funded by the private sector. But most scholarly activity does not have immediate, quantifiable financial benefit. Technological advances — such as Teflon and genetic engineering, computer technology, MRI, advances in medical science, and the entire biotechnology industry — resulted from basic research not directed at any specific application or industry.

And most of that research was competitively funded from extra-mural grants. The status of the United States as the world's leading technological power is a direct consequence of the research done at top-tier research universities that also educate and train future scientists, engineers, physicians and scholars. Who will train globally competitive commercial and industrial researchers if not the great research universities?

As faculty members, faculty leaders, public servants and citizens of this state, we welcome and embrace accountability. We also welcome the opportunity to demonstrate that research universities in Texas are essential to our state, nation and world, and are an outstanding value to the Texas taxpayers who are rightly proud of the successes of their students.

Teaching and research are inseparable. Learning takes place not only in the classroom but in research labs, faculty offices and indeed everywhere and anytime there are interactions between students and faculty.

Neikirk and Friedman are the chair and chair-elect of the University of Texas Faculty Council; Strawser and Benedik are the speaker and speaker-elect of the Texas A&M University Faculty Senate.

Offer evening classes

By Lili Honorato
Daily Texan Columnist

The course schedule for summer classes came out last week, and, as usual, the course options for students like me are limited. I am what many call a “non traditional” student. I go to school part-time, I work part-time, and I am a parent. I know I'm in the minority, but many other students are also inconvenienced and frustrated by the limited summer schedule that comes from the University each year.

The lack of options can be a problem for non-traditional students, especially those close to graduating. If we can't find necessary classes in the summer schedule, that might translate to a heavier workload for the fall, or even worse, adding another semester to our degree plan.

Summer classes are great for advancing rapidly with schoolwork, but the insufficient options in the schedule make it nearly impossible for many to be able to take advantage of that opportunity. Even when there are classes I could take in the summer, they are often offered either for the first or the second summer session as opposed to the whole summer session. For students who work during regular business hours, this requires us to either quit our jobs in order to attend summer school or skip the summer semester altogether.

I also face this problem during regular long semesters, as the University does not offer many evening classes. So, for someone with an 8-to-5 part-time job, this usually means having to choose between going to school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or on Tuesdays and Thursdays. However, the schedules do not always accommodate my lifestyle, especially now that I'm nearing the end of my college years. Next semester, I will need to attend classes throughout the week because of the lack of evening classes.

Furthermore, if I am not able to find a flexible school schedule that allows me to work while I attend UT, I may be forced to quit my part-time job. As a result, I will likely have to take out more loans, leaving me with even more debt.

The University should try to be more flexible with its course schedules. Given the country's economic crisis, many students may be considering getting a part-time job to help with tuition and living costs. UT should take this into consideration when scheduling courses because not all students have the luxury of going to school full-time or attend classes without working.

Honorato is a journalism junior.

THE FIRING LINE

Ethical scientific inquiry

Statements made in Kate Clabby's March 24, column “Hydrofracking is anything but clean,” imply a conflict of interest may exist in research at the Jackson School of Geosciences (JSG). Examining the research conducted in the JSG reveals an extensive commitment to environmental research and outreach. For example, the Environmental Sciences Institute (ESI), originally created within the geology department, and directed by a JSG faculty member, hosts nationally recognized outreach lectures and conducts numerous conferences and symposia on environmental policy and sustainability.

According to the message from the director, professor Jay Banner, published on ESI's website, the institute “has endeavored to foster environmental research and education across academic units within the university, advancing our understanding of the environment and sustainability through the development of interdisciplinary research, education and outreach programs.” Because I worked for ESI when I was an undergraduate at UT, I can personally attest to Dr. Banner's commitment to his stated mission and his tireless efforts to grow ESI's outreach programs.

I would challenge the author to find a single researcher (faculty, staff or student) at the JSG who doesn't exemplify the principles of ethical and sound scientific inquiry. To make such a broad accusation without any specific examples or evidence, and in the presence of so much evidence to the contrary, simply discredits the integrity of the columnist. We expect editorials to contain opinions, sometimes offensive. But there is no reason to publish an opinion where facts are available.

— Iona P. Williams
Petroleum engineering graduate student

Intellectual growth through experience

By Emily Van Duyn
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

As another registration period encroaches, students will again be faced with an enormous amount of course options varying in both topic and purpose. Amidst these choices are courses featuring an academic service-learning component that incorporate community service and reflection within the individual course curriculum.

While normal courses tend to isolate learning within a classroom, academic service-learning courses aim to facilitate experiential learning and growth. Students enrolled in these courses participate in community projects where they actively practice the information they learn in a classroom setting, giving them the opportunity to gain hands-on experience without the heavy time commitment that an internship demands. Academic service-learning courses range from major specific courses to core curriculum courses and are facilitated by the office Academic Service Learning Office on campus.

As education becomes increasingly interwoven with social and community awareness, students are asked to reexamine what it means to learn and what it means to be a citizen. Academic service-learning courses offer both

exposure and experience with topic matter that is relevant to our communities and to our nation. They take us outside the walls of typical classroom instruction and put learning partially

“*As education becomes increasingly interwoven with social and community awareness, students are asked to re-examine what it means to learn...*

”
in the hands of the student. They offer us the chance to encounter intellectual growth through experience rather than exclusively through readings and assignments. But more importantly, they also give something back to the community at large: a measurable con-

tribution, be that working with autistic children through the Autism Project or grant writing assistance for local nonprofits.

Academic service-learning courses have become an increasingly important aspect of the student academic experience among our peer institutions, including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and UC Berkeley and should be an equally important focus of our own University's student body.

A comprehensive list of Academic Service-Learning courses will be available through the Academic Service-Learning website utexas.edu/diversity/ddce/vslc/sl.php starting next week. In the past, courses have ranged from lecturer Alice Batt's “Writing for Nonprofits” course to lecturer Jane Tillman's “Community Nutrition” course.

As students, we have a lot more to learn than what resides in our textbooks and much more to contribute than what our classroom performance illustrates. Academic service-learning courses offer us the opportunity to be engaged in local community affairs while working toward our degree completion. I encourage all students to enroll in academic service learning courses and maximize their academic experience at UT.

Van Duyn is the Senate of College Councils vice president.

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Anthony Graves spoke to students on Thursday evening in the University Teaching Center about capital punishment in the United States. Graves was wrongly convicted of the mass murder in 1992 and exonerated in 2010.

Former prisoner decries justice system

By Jake Hong
Daily Texan Staff

After surviving 18 years in prison and two death sentences, exonerated prisoner Anthony Graves encouraged students to change the system that imprisoned him.

The state accused Graves of taking part in the murder of two women and four children and setting their home on fire in 1992. The main witness in Graves’ trial, Robert Carter, was eventually executed for committing the murders. Before Carter’s execution, he admitted to lying under oath about Graves’ involvement. Graves was exonerated in October 2010.

“I am the walking example of

the flaws of the death penalty because they tried to murder me twice,” Graves said in a lecture Thursday. “They can’t say Texas doesn’t execute innocents.”

Graves spoke about the flaws in the state’s criminal justice system to about 40 people Thursday. The Campaign to End the Death Penalty, a national grassroots organization, hosted the talk partially to address the race and class disparity of inmates.

“It’s an epidemic,” Graves said. “Not a black-and-white issue, not a minority issue. It’s an epidemic.”

Death penalty abolitionist Laura Brady compared the United States with Apartheid-era South Africa. From 1948 to 1993, South Africa incarcerated 851 black South Af-

ricans per 100,000 black residents. Five percent of the black population in the U.S., or 5,000 out of every 100,000 black residents, are inmates in the U.S., Brady said.

“So what does it mean when the leader of the free world locks up black men at a rate almost six times higher than the most openly racist country in our history?” Brady said. “More black men are in prison than attending college.”

Brady said more black men are in prison, on probation or on parole than the number subjected to slavery prior to the Civil War.

Lawrence Foster, who also spoke at the event, is the grandfather of death-row inmate Kenneth Foster. A judge sentenced Kenneth Foster to death for acting as an ac-

complice in a burglary that resulted in a man’s death. Foster is currently serving a life sentence after having his sentence commuted by Gov. Rick Perry in 2007.

“Just imagine the agony of an individual as he is waiting to get executed, as he is waiting to have his life extracted from him,” Foster said, “That’s not execution; that’s murder.”

Government lecturer Alan Sager said the death penalty deters crime.

“I used to not view the evidence this way,” Sager said. “However, as I saw the continuing studies over the years and an econometric study showing most death penalty studies reflect the bias of the researchers, my views have changed.”

82ND LEGISLATURE

Bill may legalize sending texts, email while behind wheel

By Jay Root
The Associated Press

Driving while sending text or email messages from a cellphone would become a crime under a bill that passed the Texas House on Thursday.

Reading messages would still be legal. The last-minute change making an exception for drivers who look at or read text messages gave voice to opponents who thought the measure was a slap

less stringent. But he said after the vote that it would still curb the activity that is most hazardous.

“I think the main problem is the people with their hands off the wheel,” Craddick said.

It’s already against the law in Texas to use a cellphone in a school zone, and people under age 18 can’t use a phone at all while driving. Studies have shown that texting while driving is the equivalent of having a .08 blood-alcohol level.

Under the bill adopted Thursday, police could fine texting motorists up to \$200.

The bill, which passed on a 124-16 vote, faces a final procedural hurdle and is expected to move to the Senate.

Debate over the legislation sparked often humorous exchanges between opponents and backers of the texting ban.

After he introduced the amendment, Taylor asked how much time he spent reading text messages in his car. He said he frequently got short messages on his phone, such as “Love ya,” and “You’re the best.”

Rep. Dennis Bonnen, a Houston-area Republican who was presiding over the debate at the time, jokingly admonished Taylor: “You’re under oath, even on the floor, Mr. Taylor.”

Rep. Tom Craddick, a former Republican House speaker from Midland, sponsored the bill and tried to fight off the amendment making it

“*The actual act of typing up a message and sending it to somebody else is very dangerous. I have no disagreement with that.*”

— State Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland

Texas Senate to postpone vote regarding campus carry

By Melissa Ayala
Daily Texan Staff

Texas Senators were debating the concealed-carry bill Thursday when Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, temporarily pulled the bill down until Monday.

The bill would allow concealed-handgun license holders to carry guns on Texas college campuses. The decision came after senators asked Wentworth for additional time to look over new amendments and propose the bill to constituents.

“This is a matter of personal protection,” Wentworth said. “The idea that it will result in increased violence is unfounded.”

Wentworth recently accepted an amendment by Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, to exempt primary and secondary school campuses located within universities from the bill.

Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, who was originally one of 21 members in favor, said he would not be able to support the bill unless he had the weekend to propose it to constituents, some of whom expressed concern over Nichols’ amendment.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, opposed the bill and said there are too many factors, such as alcohol and the danger of suicides, that can create a “toxic mix” if guns are allowed on campus.

“Twenty-three states have tabled bills exactly like this,” Ellis said.

Ellis pointed out lawmakers in conservative Southern states such as Mississippi and Alabama opposed similar legislation.

“Senate Bill 354 is a bad solution to a serious problem. Again, it makes us feel like we’ve gotten tough — deputizing students — but the fact is that the universities don’t want it, and law enforcement doesn’t want it because they know it will not make our campuses safer,” he said. “It might make a great campaign mailer, but it will absolutely not make students safer.”

But Wentworth said he is confident the bill will pass next week.

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Lieberman leads Legends to playoffs

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

Nancy Lieberman knows a thing or two about breaking barriers.

The Hall of Famer is a pioneer in her own right, making hoops history in almost every way imaginable.

She was the youngest athlete in Olympic history to win a medal — during the 1976 games in Montreal — and the first woman to play in a men's professional league.

Now, as the first female to coach a men's professional team, Lieberman took it one step further — guiding the NBA Development League's Texas Legends to the playoffs in her historic inaugural season.

While the Legends became the first NBA expansion team to make the postseason in their first year of existence, many will simply focus on Lieberman herself. But the 52-year-old coach doesn't quite see it that way.

"History is not a woman coaching men," Lieberman said. "History is us being the first expansion team to make the playoffs."

Although the Brooklyn native, nicknamed "Lady Magic," downplays the gender dynamic, she understands the magnitude of her accomplishment in the eyes of her peers.

On the eve of the Legends' final regular season game — one they needed to win to make the playoffs — her phone blew up with texts and calls from a who's who of coaches and athletes including New York Yankees' skipper Joe Girardi, former Texas women's basketball coach Jody Conradt and NBA champion Darvin Ham. Even actor Kevin Costner called.

"Not only have these guys embraced me, but they care enough to verbalize that they're pulling for me," she said. "It was actually a little overwhelming for me to know that these



Ryan Edwards | Daily Texan Staff

Hall of Famer Nancy Lieberman is the first female to coach a men's professional team, the NBA Developmental League's Texas Legends. Lieberman is also the youngest athlete in Olympic history to medal, winning a silver in the 1976 summer games.

guys care this much."

The support paid off, and the Legends outlasted the Austin Toros 134-128 in double overtime to sneak into the postseason as the eighth seed. But things could have gone differently for Lieberman as her squad managed to overcome a six-point deficit in the fi-

nal 30 seconds of regulation to keep its playoff aspirations alive.

The ending was indicative of the Legends' "us-against-the-world" attitude, engrained in the team by Lieberman.

"Nobody would have ever thought that we would have been in this position," she said.

What many people did think, however, was that the Legends would struggle in their first year in the league. But the players, including four former first-round NBA draft picks and an NBA champion in

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TEXAS RELAYS DAY TWO

Texas' Angele Cooper, center, competes in the 400-meter hurdles against South Plains and Texas A&M athletes.



Ryan Edwards
Daily Texan Staff

Cooper, Dowie shine for Texas in day two

By Julie Thompson
Daily Texan Staff

For the second day in a row, the Longhorn women were led by individual performances at the Texas Relays on Thursday. Texas was led by junior Angele Cooper and freshman Danielle Dowie in the 400-meter hurdles.

Cooper finished in second place with 57.03 seconds, Dowie

in third with 57.45 seconds. Both of their times qualified them for the event final.

In all, 55 women participated in the preliminary 400-meter hurdles.

Three other Longhorns competed and all three earned personal bests. Natasha Masterson also participated in the 400-meter hurdles and walked away with a personal best time of 1:02.43.

Sophomore Akua Sencherey and junior Okwukwe Okolie competed in the hammer throw and took 15th and 16th, respectively. Sencherey threw a personal-best 46.58 meters and Okolie 45.5 meters.

The hammer throw was won by UTEP's Terran Alexander with 60.88 meters.

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Slow day at Texas Relays heats up with exciting race

By Chris Medina
Daily Texan Staff

With a sparse crowd and mostly decathlon events early in the day, it wasn't until the 4-by-800-meter men's relay that things really started to heat up.

The relay showcased some of the South's fastest middle-distance runners. Texas A&M and Arkansas headed into the final straightaway neck-and-neck, with Arkansas' Leoman Momoh taking a slight edge. But then, through the most grueling part of this half-mile race, A&M overtook Arkansas in the final 20 meters to win with a time of 7 minutes and 19.57 seconds while the Razorbacks were 0.23 seconds behind.

Thursday evening also brought a first for the Texas Relays — a men's invitational 800-meter run.

The night's obvious star was Leo Manzano, a Texas alumnus who ran at UT from 2004 to 2008. Manzano is also an American Olympian, having represented the U.S. at the Beijing 2008 games in the 1,500-meter and mile. He was an 11-time All-American

and five-time NCAA champion in Austin and has seen his career balloon in the past three years after making it to the finals of the World Championships in 2009 for the 1,500.

The crowded six-man field also included Jacob Hernandez, Kyle Miller, senior Kenyan national team member Jackson Kivuva and current Texas freshman Mike Quercia.

The race began as a tight

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"Really, the biggest thing was we needed a really good race under our belt and needed to just polish up."

— Leo Manzano, Former UT runner

SOFTBALL No. 5 TEXAS at No. 11 NEBRASKA

Team heads to Lincoln for last shot at Huskers

By Sara Beth Purdy
Daily Texan Staff

This weekend may be the end of an era. At the conclusion of the 2011 season, Nebraska parts ways with the Big 12 conference in order to join the Big Ten. That means this weekend's series in Lincoln may be the last time that the Longhorns face the Cornhuskers.

"I think it will be a great opportunity to finish those guys off," said Texas third baseman Nadia Taylor.

On Saturday, No. 5 Texas (32-3, 5-0 Big 12) faces the 11th-ranked Cornhuskers (30-4, 3-1) in the first of a two-game series. The Longhorns enter weekend on a 16-game winning streak after Wednes-

day's dramatic 4-3 win over Texas A&M.

In addition to the team's win streak, several Longhorns are being recognized across the country for their strong performances so far this season. Last week, junior first baseman Lexy Bennett was named the Big 12 player of the week for her performance in games against Texas State and Oklahoma State. Through three contests, Bennett averaged .636 with seven hits, eight RBI, six individual runs scored and a home run in each game. In addition to this honor, she leads, or ties for the lead, the league in batting average, runs, hits and home runs for the season.

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BASEBALL No. 8 TEXAS at BAYLOR

Horns hope to slug their way past Bears

By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Staff

Augie Garrido stood at the top of the dugout, facing his team seated on the benches below. Practice was over, and 34 sweaty faces looked up at their coach, waiting for their next lesson.

Much has been made of Texas' hitting woes this season. The Longhorns are second to last in the Big 12 in batting average, hitting at only a .259 mark. They're also tied for dead last in home runs with five — first place Oklahoma has hit 25.

Garrido preached to his team that it's not about the averages. He told them not to concern themselves with things they can't control and that their averages don't reflect what they can and have contributed to the team.

"To me, it's all history," Garrido said. "If you're depressed or distracted because you aren't hitting, then you aren't allowing yourself



Andrew Edmonson | Daily Texan Staff

Sophomore outfielder Jonathan Walsh hit .273 last year but has struggled this season with a .194 batting average.

to see your potential for the future, and your chances for success aren't very good."

Texas will have a chance to improve its hitting this weekend dur-

ing two games in Waco where the Longhorns (22-7, 7-2 Big 12) take on Baylor (17-13, 4-5). The third

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Terry and Paulino leave Texas for greener coaching pastures

Rodney Terry, an assistant basketball coach at Texas for the past nine years, has been named head men's basketball coach at Fresno State. With Terry's help, the Longhorns have made one Final Four, two Elite Eight and four Sweet 16 appearances.

"There is no question that Rodney is ready for this challenge," Barnes said. "He has been ready for an opportunity like this for a long time, but he just needed to find the right fit."

Kenton Paulino, a special assistant to the Texas basketball program the past three years, is leaving as well, joining the Lamar staff and their new head coach Pat Knight.

— Trey Scott

WEEKEND PREVIEW

MEN’S TENNIS



The Longhorns fell to Baylor Wednesday, a loss that knocked them out of contention for the Big 12 championship. They face Texas Tech on Sunday.

Thomas Allison
Daily Texan Staff

Match against Raiders a must-win for slumping Horns

By Wes Maulsby
Daily Texan Staff

Texas’ season took a shot on Wednesday with a home loss to Baylor. The loss knocked Texas out of the running for the Big 12 Championship, but the Longhorns can still play for position in conference in preparation for the tournament.

Texas will host Texas Tech on Sunday in what has turned into a

crucial match for the Longhorns. The loss to Baylor knocked Texas down to 1-2 in conference and 15-6 overall. The Red Raiders enter the match 1-1, and 14-6 overall, so this match will have a lot to say about positioning for the tournament.

Against Baylor, Texas got behind after losing the doubles point and was unable to recover. There were opportunities for Texas to take control of the match, but it

was never able to take advantage of them. Wins from sophomores Ben Chen and Daniel Whitehead and junior Jean Andersen were not enough to give Texas a win.

Against Tech, Texas will need to return to form and win the doubles point to take a lead into singles play. Texas’ Achilles’ heel this year has been taking control and maintaining consistency in singles play. There have been opportunities, and the Longhorns have been

close to turning the corner, but have not quite been able to take the next step. Texas has had potential all season, and with its back against the wall, now is the time for that potential to produce results.

Texas Tech at No. 8 Texas
Date: Sunday
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Place: Penick-Alison Center (Austin, Texas)

WOMEN’S TENNIS

Longhorns go up against Sooner state this weekend

By Alex Endress
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns host their last home matches of the regular season this weekend, facing Oklahoma State and No. 22 Oklahoma.

Ranked No. 25 in the country in the most recent ITA poll, Texas is looking to bounce back after a couple of tough losses last weekend against Texas Tech (by the score of 4-3) and Baylor (5-2).

Last time against Oklahoma State, Texas beat the Cowgirls 4-1 in the quarter-finals of the 2010 Big 12 Championships in Austin. Oklahoma State currently holds a 6-11 record, 2-4 in conference play.

The Longhorns (10-6, 5-2 Big 12) then play on Oklahoma on Sunday. Texas trounced the Sooners in their last matchup, beating them 6-1 in Norman, Okla. Oklahoma currently has a 13-4 record, 5-1 in conference.

“It’s another tough weekend in the Big 12,” said Tex-

as head coach Patty Fendick-McCain. “Both teams are really strong, and Oklahoma has really come on strong in the past two years under new leadership. We’re looking forward to a great weekend.”

Texas sophomore Aeri-el Ellis, No. 21 in Division I, is the highest-ranked singles player in either of this weekend’s events.

Texas’ senior day ceremony is scheduled to take place before the match on Sunday

against Oklahoma, honoring the four-year players’ contributions. Amanda Craddock, Caroline Larsson and Maggie Mello will be recognized prior to the team’s final home contest.

No. 22 OU/OSU at No. 25 Texas
Date: Fri., Sun.
Time: 1:30 p.m., Noon (Austin, Texas)

25th

The women’s tennis team is ranked 25th in the country by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, the governing body of college tennis.

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“Lexy is probably our most consistent performer on both sides of the ball,” said Texas head coach Connie Clark. “I think she is about as hot as anybody in the country, and she has been for the last three weeks”

Sophomore right fielder Taylor Hoagland was also recognized this week. She accepted an invitation on Wednesday to try out for the USA National Softball team in June at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in California. Hoagland will join teammate and All-American hurler Blaire Luna, who accepted her own invitation to the national team selection camp a few weeks ago.

Nebraska is on a streak of its own, having won three straight, including a sweep of Kansas.

The Longhorns are coming off of

a hard-fought victory of their own against Texas A&M. The Aggies took the Longhorns through seven innings of work, pressuring the Texas defense and offense. Clark believes the challenging A&M game was good preparation for the Cornhuskers.

“Nebraska is tough, and they’re having a great year,” Clark said. “They’re wanting to go out on a bang in their last year in the Big 12, but I think we’ve got a good game plan.”

No. 5 Texas at No. 11 Nebraska
Date: Sat., Sun.
Time: 2 p.m., Noon
Place: Bowlin Stadium (Lincoln, Neb.)

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game will be played Sunday in Austin. The first two games were moved up I-35 because of the Texas Relays.

Several struggling hitters stayed after practice Wednesday to practice hitting while the rest of the team lifted weights. Sophomore outfielder Jonathan Walsh, who’s hitting only .157 in conference play, took pitches from freshman Kirby Bellow, who hasn’t seen action in a game since giving up two hits in one-third of an inning to Oral Roberts on March 29.

“Throwing simulated starts helps keep us as pitchers ready for games,” said senior pitcher Cole Green. “We’re always trying to keep it as competitive as we can to prepare us for the games.”

Green has settled since starting off the season poorly and has seen his in-conference ERA drop to just above 3.00. He’s striking out more batters, and he feels more comfortable on the mound.

“We’ve come a long way as a pitching staff,” Green said. “We’ve gone through some rough spots where we’ve had to come together as a team, but right now, I feel we’re really close. We’ve still got a ways to go, but I think we’ve done a really good job with what we have.”

Green has been a leader to the younger pitchers on the team who have blossomed since last fall. Sophomore Hobey Milner has solidified himself as Texas’ Saturday starter, and freshman Corey Knebel is the team’s closer.

“I struggled at the beginning of the year, and I think that was an example to the younger guys on the staff that it’s not always going to be perfect. Everybody, no matter who you are or what you’ve done, is going to have to go through challenges,” he said. “You can’t worry about the outcome, just worry about your preparation, and control what you can and not worry about anything else.”

No. 8 Texas vs. Baylor
Date: Fri., Sat., Sun.
Time: 6:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 1 p.m.
Where: Waco, Texas / Austin, Texas

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11-year veteran Antonio Daniels, tuned in to her message from day one. Lieberman and her team gelled instantly.

“It wasn’t like, ‘OK, some chick is coaching my team.’ My job is to let them know what I’m talking about,” she said.

While some of the youngsters on the Legends’ roster were unaware of all of her basketball prowess, the 36-year-old Daniels says he knew what he was getting in Lieberman.

“She transcended gender a long time ago. The fact that she’s a woman and so many different things, it doesn’t matter,” Daniels said. “She knows what she’s

talking about, she’s confident in what she preaches, and when you have a confident coach, it’s easy to follow.”

Assistant coach David Wesley, who played 14 years in the NBA for a pair of Hall of Famers in Dave Cowens and Chuck Daly, said Lieberman’s attention to detail was a major factor in the Legends’ success.

“She just expects excellence,” Wesley said. “She strives to teach and get guys all on the same page. She works really hard at what she does.”

While it’s easy to get caught up in the X’s and O’s, Lieberman is often reminded of the significance

of her feat. Almost everywhere she goes, someone approaches her with a tale of how the coach inspired a young female athlete.

“You don’t realize the people who you influence and how you do it, and I just thank God that it’s me, and I’m so honored,” Lieberman said. “How many lucky women in the world are there? Because I’m one of them.”

The D-League is a springboard for players and coaches alike to make it to the next level. While the NBA may not be on Lieberman’s radar right now, one thing is for certain: whatever the future holds for this pioneer coach, she’s sure to break more barriers.

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“Because I’m from Texas, this is what you work for basically, besides conference and nationals,” she said. “This meet is known for greatness, and I feel like I fit in the category now.”

Chelsea Carrier from West Virginia posted the leading collegiate and American mark of the 2011 Outdoor season in the Women’s Heptathlon. Carrier earned a 6.22 meter mark in the Long Jump Women’s Heptathlon event at her first Texas Relays.

“It feels really good. It’s my first year competing here,” Carrier said. “I’m very happy. I set PRs in a lot of events

this weekend.”

In the first relay event of the week, a team from Louisiana State University took first in the 4-by-800-meter relay. The LSU team finished in 8:39.19, followed by Texas Tech and Texas A&M.

Friday marks the third day of the relays and one of the most exciting — between high school and university, more than 100 events will take place. High school students will start competing at 1:30 p.m.

For the University of Texas women, the action will start with the 4-by-100-meter relay at 9:30 a.m.

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group, with each runner battling for position along the first straightaway. But as the race moved forward the runners began to separate and in the last 50 meters Texas alumnus Manzano edged out Kivuva to clock in at 1:47.89 — a new Texas Relays record for the 800.

“I’ve been training here in Austin,” Manzano said after the race. “Really, the biggest thing was we needed a really good race under our belt and needed to just polish up. We have really big races coming up and what better place than Austin, Texas and the University of Texas.”

Earlier in the day Michael Morrison of California won the decathlon in day two of the 10-event contest. Texas received a gallant effort from its three participants in the decathlon, including Isaac Murphy, who finished fourth with a total score of 7,681 points.

Senior Kenny Greaves placed seventh, compiling a personal-best 7,454 points. Greaves also posted a personal best in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:19.19 and generated another person record in the pole vault, clearing 17 feet 0.25 inches. Overall, Greaves earned career bests in seven of the 10 decathlon events.

Murphy had impressive showing as well on Thursday, posting career bests in all five events, including a 4:40.68 time in the 1,500-meter.

Longhorn freshman Jake Wohlford, competing in his first decathlon, posted 6,850 points while finishing first in the 110-meter hurdles.

Heisman winner Ricky Williams making impact felt off the field

By Sameer Bhuchar
Daily Texan Staff

When Ricky Williams comes to Austin, he’s not usually going back to school. But yesterday in the Sims Elementary School library, the Longhorn football hero hung around the campus to mentor 20 of “Ricky’s Kids.”

With the fate of next year’s NFL season up in the air and lots of free time this offseason, the decorated Longhorn football alumni and Miami Dolphins running back found time to see how his pilot after-school program is going. Ricky’s Kids, started by the Ricky Williams Foundation, aims to create a nurturing environment that fosters intellectual and emotional growth for underprivileged third to fifth graders.

The goal, Williams said, is to create as many memorable experiences for the kids as possible and to make them feel like a part of a family.

What was on the docket for Williams’ visit? Nothing out of the ordinary. For the kids, it was business as usual. First, the daily group discussions about anything and everything, followed by their “super brain yoga” activity. The program then went into snack time — hummus and pita chips on Thursday — and then onto their outdoor team-building exercise, which led into homework help and environmental activities. Williams was there, right alongside the kids, for all of the activities.

“There are certain parallels between my childhood and the kids here,” Williams said. “I was over-

whelmed when I was in third grade, and on certain levels, like in my reading class, I couldn’t really catch up to the other kids and didn’t have

“The program gives me a great feeling, and it offers a lot to the kids as well.”
— Ricky Williams, Former Texas running back

that type of support to do so. These kids often go home to single-parent households where they are pretty much on their own. We help them develop discipline and a work ethic and enforce the importance.”

One of the students profoundly affected by Williams’ program was

third grader Edward Rogers. Rogers, who comes from a single-parent household, said the program has made him feel more confident about

himself and his intellectual abilities. He was recently named one of the program’s “scholars,” a distinction that Sims Elementary School principal Freda Mills said is a testament to Williams’ program.

“I feel good about being a scholar because it means I’m keeping up

my grades, and it’s going to help me when I grow up,” Rogers said.

Everyone wanted to pick Williams’ brain. Even when the multitude of reporters bugged Williams about NFL questions, his career and the possible lockout, Williams politely deflected the statements back to the kids, not wanting his whole life to be defined by the sport.

“I’m confident there will be an NFL season next year, but I think it is programs like this that get me through constantly thinking about football,” Williams said. “The program gives me a great feeling, and it offers a lot to the kids as well.”

The kids didn’t let him off the hook either. “Why do you have a microphone on your shirt?” one young girl said. “Ricky, do you know Spanish?” a

boy from across the room ran over to ask.

“Do you have a son?” inquired another.

Williams answered each question patiently, refusing to run over details. This, in essence, is what the after-school program is about — allowing children to explore their curiosity without someone saying anything is off limits. The kids know this.

Rogers said his favorite subject in school is science because he loves studying “how living things work,” but he wants to be more like Williams when he grows up.

“I want to be a star football player like Ricky,” Rogers said. “He is an example, showing you that you can do whatever you want and you can make it.”

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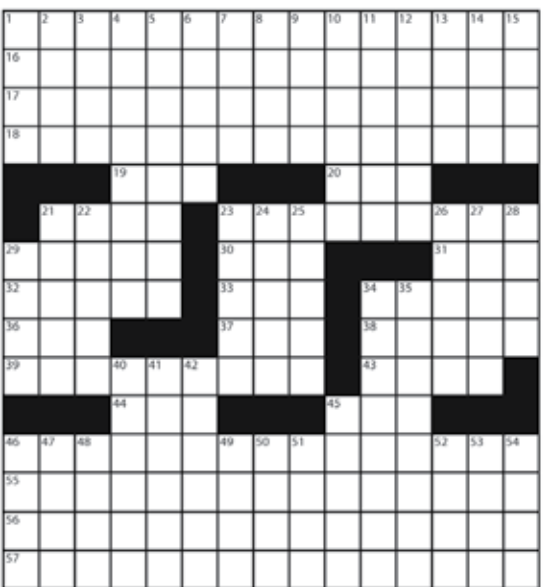
- Across**
- 1 Certain contracts
 - 16 Procrastinator's comment
 - 17 Last of Nordhoff and Hall's "Bounty Trilogy"
 - 18 East Germany and such
 - 19 Infant follower?
 - 20 Source of collectible deposits
 - 21 "Please?"
 - 23 What may be put on before spelling?
 - 29 Prefaced
 - 30 One of Frank's four wives
 - 31 Book before Phil.
 - 32 ___ times
 - 33 Turn down
- Down**
- 34 Get off the mark?
 - 36 Philanthropist/art collector ___ Broad
 - 37 "Fabien ___ Franchi" (Oscar Wilde poem)
 - 38 ColorQube maker
 - 39 Port terminal?
 - 43 They may hold many pks.
 - 44 Unknown name
 - 45 Latin pronoun
 - 46 Term popularized by Jesse Jackson
 - 55 Much that has to get done
 - 56 City on the Niagara Escarpment

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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For 39-Across, either of two answers fits the clue. The clues for 33-, 37- and 41-Down accommodate either possibility.

- Down**
- 1 Uses a 39-Across
 - 2 #3 hit from the 1997 album "Surfacing"
 - 3 He followed Dole in the Senate
 - 4 Pregnant
 - 5 Casanova
 - 6 Have ___ on (track the activities of)
 - 7 "The Facts of Life" actress Jewell
 - 8 It may be stabilized
 - 9 Further
 - 10 Wonder-working biblical figure
 - 11 Buddy
 - 12 Bond girl player in "The Man With the Golden Gun"
 - 13 Smart
 - 14 Point of eating?
 - 15 Regular things: Abbr.
 - 21 They're straddled in pits
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 - 25 Depth finder?
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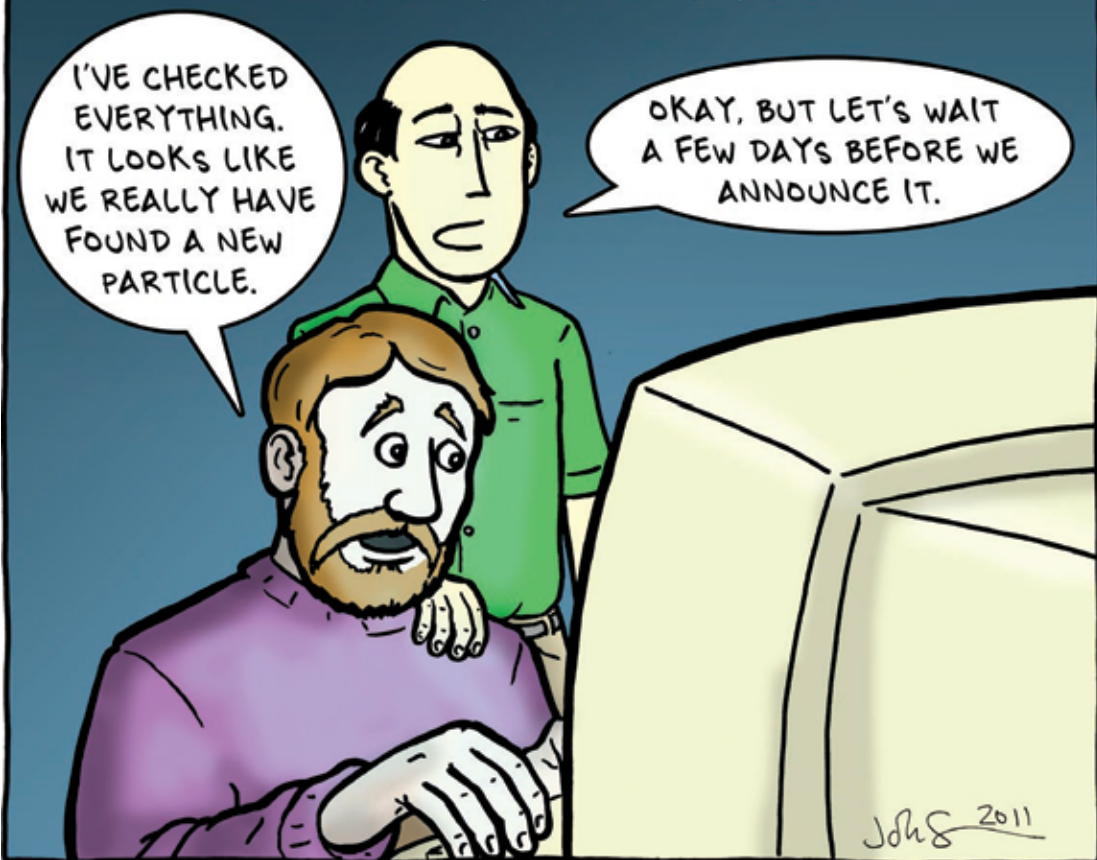


Puzzle by Joe Krozel

- 27 Lhasa (supposed good luck bringers)
- 28 "___ Factor" (TV talent show)
- 29 MGM co-founder
- 34 Clips
- 35 Go for
- 40 Make part of the manuscript
- 41 Lose momentum
- 42 Rough roof
- 45 Intervening, in law
- 46 Music to masseurs' ears
- 47 Needing to get keyed up?
- 48 See 52-Down
- 49 Hand-passing time
- 50 A dozen mesi
- 51 "Turnin' ___" (2009 Keri Hilson hit)
- 52 One loved in 48-Down
- 53 Play to ___
- 54 Traditionalists' opposite, briefly

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SHEA'S REBELLION



Pratt graduate builds searchable database for all things hip-hop

By Ali Breland
Daily Texan Staff

If Pratt Institute graduate Tahir Hemphill gets his way, the most ambitious project ever to be created in the history of hip-hop won't be Jay-Z's *The Black Album*, Kanye West's *My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy*, Dr. Dre's *The Chronic* or any of rap's most influential albums. Instead, it will be a database of all of them.

Hemphill's creative project is entitled "The Hip-Hop Word Count: A Searchable Rap Almanac" and is still in development. Hemphill's description on Kickstarter, a fundraising website, the Hip-Hop Word Count "is an ethnographic database built from the lyrics of over 40,000 songs from 1979 to current day."

With this data, Hemphill plans to put the collected information in a searchable format with which people can find comprehensive facts previously arduous to research. On the most basic level, answers to questions such as "What city features the most mentions of Nike Dunk Highs in its rap?" and "Which champagne is the most hip-hop, in the event that you have no idea what 'Cristal' is?"

The Hip-Hop Word Count even provides data on the education level necessary to thoroughly comprehend the rap, ranging from junior high to postgraduate, based on the complexity of sentence structures and vocabulary of the lyrics.

Hemphill developed the idea in response to irresolvable conflicts and disputes within rap.

"The idea to build the Hip-Hop Word Count came out of having hundreds of heated and passionate discussions about rap music," Hemphill said in a video on his Kickstarter page. "Who was the best rapper of all time? Which rapper had the smartest songs?"

Although Hemphill's project seems to be moving under the radar of mainstream attention and the underground rap blogosphere, Hemphill has managed to gain a niche following of supporters, earning more than

\$8,000 on his Kickstarter from donations of 349 individuals. In a 2010 interview conducted by his then-employer, creative consulting firm PSFK, Hemphill noted the successful reception from the public.

"The response has been incredible," Hemphill said in the video.

More than 2,500 people have accessed or downloaded the Rap Data Pack, a conceptual prototype of the project that categorizes and organizes more than 240 of Jay-Z's songs. The pack features data on the song's release date, lyrics, and average letters and syllables per word, among other things. The initial data-pack release shows the promise the project has. The video on the Kickstarter page, in which Hemphill briefly does demo portions of his ongoing work on the project, demonstrates even more intriguing potential. Utilizing his advertising and design background, the graphical user interface of the project is organized in a very aesthetically pleasing and pragmatic manner, allowing for easy access and sifting of complex information.

Highly influential organizations have picked up on this, with The Hip-Hop Word Count slated to be featured in New York's Museum of Modern Art in the "Talk To Me" exhibition, which explores communication with objects. Additionally, The Hip-Hop Word Count has gained the attention of Harvard's Hiphop Archive, after being featured in its newsletters. The Hiphop Archive has expressed a desire to work with Hemphill on undisclosed matters regarding the project.

Nick Hemlock, aerospace engineering freshman and self-proclaimed music enthusiast (who attended around 80 shows during SXSW), expressed approval of the practical utility of The Hip-Hop Word Count.

"I think that the social state of the entire country or a particular region can be viewed from the lyrics of rappers performing during that time period," Hemlock said. "Not only could entire albums or discographies of artists be seen in a much clearer light, but entire movements within the genre could be viewed at juxtaposition to one another with nothing but the pure meaning behind each word up for discussion and interpretation."

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YouTube

YouTube splits ad revenue with users through its Partner Program, and if you have a loyal following and a regular stream of content, you can do well. Michael Buckley, host of "What the Buck?," which has gathered more than a million subscribers, told The New York Times in 2008 that he was making enough that he quit his job to make videos full-time. While YouTube refuses to reveal how exactly its payout model works for partners, one thing is clear: according to the same Slate piece, the number of views matters less than how many people click on the ads placed in and around your content.

iTunes

Like Google (who owns You-

Tube), Apple is not at all forthcoming when it comes to just how its payout structure for iTunes works. Billboard estimated in a March article tallying the sales of "Friday" that for a 99-cent song, artists keep 70 cents, minus royalties and the record label's cut. Of course, this all depends on what kind of deal and ownership rights you've arranged with your label. In theory, an independent artist who partners directly with iTunes keeps their entire share because they don't have to split sales revenue with a record label or pay royalty fees.

Amazon Kindle

The largest online retailer has a myriad of selling options on its site, but its self-publishing platforms are making headlines: 26-year-old Amanda Hocking, who was denied

from all the major New York publishing houses, is making millions selling her young-adult fiction as a Kindle e-book. And millions isn't overstating it. Because Amazon offers a lucrative 70-percent royalty rate and allows e-book authors to set their prices, Hocking, who sells about 100,000 books a month, was able to sell her books for as little as \$3 a pop. That attention garnered her a four-book, seven-figure deal with publisher St. Martin's Press in March. The deal is valued at more than \$2 million by The New York Times.

Blogging

The prominent benefactor of many a lone, wealthy blogger is Google. Its AdSense program displays ads on your site that match the content of your blog. Every time

someone views or clicks on those ads, you make a tiny profit. While Google does not make public how much it pays for each ad viewed and clicked, it's proven a viable source of income for some, such as ProBlogger writer Darren Rowse, who claims to make \$15,000 a month from his blog.

Twitter

Sponsored tweets, by a company called IZEA, pay users to send advertisement messages through their Twitter accounts. How much you're paid per message depends on what you're shilling and, according to a report by The Awl, who you are: comedian Michael Ian Black makes \$5,882.50 per message; Craig Wayans, nephew of Damon and Marlan, makes \$7.75.

Chef publishes her culinary hardships

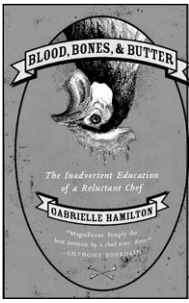
By Katie Stroh
Daily Texan Staff

There's a reason so many people love to switch on the Food Network at the end of the day: watching other people cook is comforting, upbeat and requires little concentration. For a young chef trying to rise up in the cutthroat New York City restaurant world, however, the journey is rarely so lovely.

Chef and author Gabrielle Hamilton's memoir, "Blood, Bones & Butter: The Inadvertent Education of a Reluctant Chef," exposes the grueling and gritty side of the restaurant business. Like her predecessor, Anthony Bourdain, and his debut book, "Kitchen Confidential," Hamilton takes readers through decidedly unsavory scenes that restaurant customers are rarely allowed to see and deftly de-glamorizes the culinary world.

In addition to being an accomplished chef and owner of an East Village comfort food restaurant called Prune, Hamilton has a master's in fiction writing from the University of Michigan, and it shows. Hamilton's unpretentious, irreverent prose makes her uniquely "foodie" story a satisfying read.

Hamilton's idyllic childhood in a small Pennsylvania town set the stage for her affinity for food and her future as a chef. In her brilliant opening chapter, Hamilton describes how friends and family descended on her home every year



Blood, Bones & Butter Gabrielle Hamilton

Genre: Memoir
Pages: 304
For those who like: Anthony Bourdain's "Kitchen Confidential," Bill Buford's "Heat"
Grade: B

for her father's legendary spring lamb roast. The evocative descriptions of the brown paper lanterns leading up to the house and the extravagant meals served to hundreds of guests get the memoir off to an enthralling start.

Undoubtedly, the most entertaining parts of the memoir are Hamilton's lush yet simple descriptions of food. Not only does Hamilton aptly capture sights, smells and tastes, but also the deep-rooted feelings associated with each meal: "The lamb was crisp-skinned and sticky from slow roasting, and the root beer was frigid and caught, like an emotion, in the back of my throat."

Also fascinating (but considerably less appetizing) are Hamilton's tales recounting of her years inhabiting the lowest of the low in the culinary food chain, working grunt jobs in restaurants and catering businesses. After addressing her parents' separation and a rebellious, troubled adolescence, Hamilton details her many toiling, monot-

onous odd jobs in kitchens and catering services. At one point, Hamilton even remembers living off of McDonald's ketchup packets and scrounging for free hors d'oeuvres at bars while living and working in New York City.

Unfortunately, other parts of Hamilton's story are less compelling. Chapters describing bitter family scenes — the divorce of her parents and her own sorrowful, stifling marriage — don't have the same charming wit or electric passion as Hamilton's food-related exploits. Although decently well-written and occasionally moving, these passages are simply less entertaining in comparison.

The true strength of "Blood, Bones & Butter" lies in the hectic, hardscrabble world that Hamilton escaped to in the midst of her own feelings of dislocation and abandonment. It's this juxtaposition of luscious cuisine and uncompromising grittiness that makes Hamilton's memoir a memorable one.

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at home.

"He's obviously under a lot of pressure," Giamatti said. "He's not a guy that's ever done anything that deviates from the norm, so he takes this slight step to the side.

In the script, there's all this stuff about, sort of ... threatened masculinity. He's not a great coach, and that's just not who he is. He's desperate, so he's trying to be something he's not. I think by the end of the movie, he's okay with not being that guy, and in some ways, I feel that the movie's about being OK with who you are."

The film's wrestling scenes are easily among its strongest and among the best scenes McCarthy has ever been responsible for.

"I think there's a level of escapism for the characters. Getting caught up in sports does that. It's a total escape. Movies aren't always an escape for me because I'm thinking too much, but with sports I can do that. I wanted to have fun with this movie," McCarthy said about the choice to use wrestling in the film.

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Web commerce has become a popular way for many people to generate a viable source of income. YouTube, for example, pays members who have a successful number of subscribers to their videos.

CASHING IN on the WEB

By Aleksander Chan

Forbes erroneously reported in March that Rebecca Black had made \$1 million from her inane Web sensation "Friday." That estimate was based on shared ad revenue from YouTube views and iTunes sales, both of which Forbes grossly overestimated.

Slate recrunched the numbers and put Black's payday closer to \$40,000. She may not be a millionaire, but she isn't making chump change either — that money would just about cover the cost of four years of current in-state tuition and fees at UT.

As the Internet's stake in the global marketplace continues to grow, many young professionals are facing the likelihood that their own income will be dependent on Internet commodities. Here's an attempt to solve some of the mysteries behind some of the most popular methods of web commerce:

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Film director, star discuss experience of casting unknown

By Alex Williams
Daily Texan Staff

In writer-director Tom McCarthy's third film, "Win Win," Mike (Paul Giamatti) takes the disgruntled Kyle (Alex Shaffer) under his wing, unaware that Kyle's prowess on the wrestling mat will reinvigorate the pathetic high school team Mike coaches. The film is a pleasant, warm crowd-pleaser and a new watermark for the immensely talented McCarthy.

The Daily Texan participated in a roundtable interview with McCarthy and Paul Giamatti during last month's South By Southwest festival.

McCarthy made a bold choice in casting Alex Shaffer, a New Jersey state champion wrestler who had no prior acting experience.

"I can't stand when I'm watching movies, and I feel like the actor can't actually play that sport," said McCarthy, who used to wrestle. "I knew, with Alex's character, I needed that. We saw probably a day or two of actors, and then we said, 'We need a wrestler.'"

In the film, Shaffer holds his

own against Oscar nominees such as Giamatti and Amy Ryan.

"Early on, he didn't know the technical stuff like hitting his mark, but I never had a sense that, 'Oh my God, I'm working with some kid who has no idea what he's doing.' He was there, he was open to direction, and he was having fun, which was nice to be around," Giamatti said about working with the young actor.

Giamatti's character has many

aspects to balance. For one, he has to nail the dynamic between a coach and his players. Giamatti went to local wrestling matches to prepare for his role.

"Bobby [Cannavale] and I both paid a lot more attention to the coaches," Giamatti said. "They're a whole thing to themselves, those guys. I was amazed. You know when I smack Alex in the movie, that's a thing these guys really do. They get really physical with those kids. It's intense to watch."

However, Giamatti's character also has to deal with a law firm, financial troubles and a family

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Photo courtesy of Fox Searchlight Pictures

"Win Win" welcomes to the cinema newcomer Alex Shaffer, who plays teen wrestler Kyle.

Free software keeps students focused

CONNECTED
By Allistair Pinsof

"Should I re-tweet this video of a cat with his head stuck in a box, or should I continue studying for my exam," we often ask ourselves.

The Internet is filled with information, and, though amusing, it's mostly useless. It can often be hard to focus on coursework and other obligations for the student bouncing between Twitter and Facebook before, after and even during class.

These free programs will help you focus on your immediate goals, plan accordingly and make the most of your free time. These programs are free and accessible on all platforms

Nirvana (nirvanahq.com)

Getting Things Done (GTD) is a phrase — popularized by author David Allen's book "Getting Things Done: The Art of Stress-Free Productivity" — you will see a lot when exploring time management pro-

grams. It basically means planning out your tasks and projects ahead of time so you can focus on your current goal. And no program helps you with this more than Nirvana, a free web-based program that lets you organize chores, projects and homework by effort and time assigned.

With Nirvana, you can quickly gauge what you can accomplish within a limited amount of time. The program also helps you organize tasks by how important they are. While it's nice to think you can get through a week's worth of projects in a day, you'll soon find yourself dragging goals to the "later" and "someday" folders.

The Web app is one of the best you'll find, with its economical, slick design that is accessible on phones and computers alike.

StayFocusd (available on Google Chrome)/ **LeechBlock** (available on Firefox)

It's not your fault that you are

jumping between YouTube and Tumblr while taking class notes. OK, it sort of is. But we are a compulsive generation that perceives moderation and discipline to be virtues of a long distant age. We are like kids in a candy store getting fatter by the minute. Here's one solution: put a padlock on every door.

StayFocusd for Google Chrome and LeechBlock for Firefox provide you with the ability to ban productivity-killing websites for a set amount of time. Once the assigned time arrives, you'll be unable to unban the designated sites.

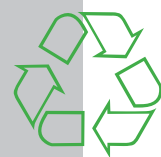
Too often, a quick glance at Facebook leads into a portal of madness, depression and disillusionment. It starts with Facebook photo stalking, and then, an hour later, you awake from a unicycle-riding-dog-video haze and wonder how you've become such frail, feeble-minded human. By applying these browser extensions, you'll find that the incessant itch to check up on your friends dies fairly quick-

ly when the power to act upon it is taken out of your hands.

Goal Tracking

Evernote CEO Phil Libin lost 28 pounds in six months by solely keeping track of his weight on a daily basis, without making an effort to alter it. Tracking data is one of the key factors of making progress, and Evernote is one of a handful of sites that excels at this.

In addition to offering basic spreadsheets and other tracking tools, evernote.com lets you scan and upload pictures to the site, making for an easy alternative. Instead of calorie counting and stat tracking, you can upload photos for every meal as a way to control portions and observe dietary choices. For those who want a spreadsheet with lots of options and graphs, 42goals.com will satisfy. For an even more stripped down take on the same concept, joesgoals.com will help you track progress without too many options getting in the way.



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